

# Matthew 3:13-17

## *Application Questions*

1. Read vv. 13-14. Why do you suppose it was so difficult for John to baptize Jesus? Have you ever struggled with doing something you know the Lord wants you to do? What are some of the objections or obstacles that hold you back?
2. Christ's baptism symbolized His death and resurrection in which we also identify. Read Galatians 2:20. In what ways have you been crucified with Christ? In what ways are you living a new resurrected life in Christ? How can you grow in either death or life?
3. Read Romans 6:5-14. The victorious Christian life consists in "reckoning." We must *reckon* (consider) ourselves to be dead to sin, and we must *reckon* ourselves to be alive to God in Christ. This means taking a firm stand in faith, for sin still wants to claim its right to live and rule. By God's grace, where can you stop presenting your members to sin and start presenting them to righteousness?
4. At Christ's baptism, the Holy Spirit descended as a dove and rested upon Him. This signified that He was (and is) the Anointed One. Read Isaiah 61:1-3. Which ministries of Christ are most meaningful to you?
5. The Father spoke in an audible voice, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Read Ephesians 1:3-6. Which of Paul's words bring you the most comfort regarding your acceptance and approval in Christ? Explain.